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FM AMCONSUL KARACHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7823

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: TERRORISM: KARACHI SHIP SEIZURE

REF: KARACHI 0272

1. IN BULLETIN 1410 LOCAL TIME, READ BY LOCAL EL-FATAH REP KHALID ABDUL GHANI FROM DECK OF SEIZED GREEK MERCHANT VESSEL, EL-FATAH ANNOUNCED THAT "OUT OF ARAB CONSIDERATION FOR PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN" GUERRILLAS WHO SEIZED VESSEL WOULD EXTEND DEADLINE FOR EXECUTION OF HOSTAGES FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, OR UNTIL 1600 LOCAL TIME MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY. GHANI SAID EL-FATAH WOULD MAKE FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1800 LOCAL TIME TODAY, SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND LIBYA, WHO FLEW DOWN FROM ISLAMABAD, MET WITH GUERRILLAS ABOARD SHIP ABOUT 1400, BUT SO FAR NO REPORT OF RESULTS THIS MEETING AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF EL-FATAH ANNOUNCEMENT RESULTED FROM THIS MEETING.

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NO CONFIRMATION SO FAR THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR TEHRAN HAS YET

REACHED KARACHI, AS HAD BEEN PLANNED.

3. COMMENT. EL-FATAH ANNOUNCEMENT WAS FIRST INDICATION THIS ORGANIZATION SPEAKING FOR GUERRILLAS ON BOARD SHIP. LIAISON BETWEEN EL-FATAH AND GUERRILLAS WAS EVIDENTLY ENGINEERED BY SOME AMONG APPROXIMATE 10 OF SHIP'S CREW MEMBERS WHO ARE OF ARAB NATIONALITY.
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